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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF SOVIET TANKERS IN CUBAN TRADE CARRYING  
VENEZUELAN PETROELUM

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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR UK EMBASSY SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN BRIEFED DIRECTLY BY HIS CONTACT AT PORT CARDON THAT BALACLAVA DID LEAVE PORT THIS WEEK BOUND FOR DENMARK WITH 118,835 BARRELS OF SHELL PETROLEUM. THIS WAS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, SECOND SUCH SHIPMENT UNDER CVP DEAL WITH DANISH FIRM AND SHELL IS INVOLVED ON EXCHANGE OF MARKETS. PREVIOUS SHIPMENT ACCORDING TO SOURCE WAS 116,394 BARRELS CARRIED BY SOVIET SHIP LIMBASKY ON ABOUT FEBRUARY 22 ALSO FROM PORT CARDON TO DENMARK.

2. SOURCE ALSO REPORTS THAT THERE IS A SECOND CONTRACT BETWEEN SHELL AND FINNISH FIRM NESTE TO DELIVER BETWEEN MAY AND DECEMBER 1973 2-1/2 MILLION BARRELS OF PETROLEUM FROM VENEZUELA TO FINLAND, HALF OF WHICH WOULD BE CARRIED IN SOVIET BOTTOMS.  
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